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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-3, 6 and 7-9 as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck through~~.

1 (currently amended): A formed mat which is thermoformed so as to have a shape following an inside of a room of an automobile and is fitted so as to follow the inside of the room, the formed mat comprises:

a felt layer;

a thermoplastic resin sheet;

~~an high elastic non-woven body which is 3.0mm or more in thickness, 300g/m<sup>2</sup> or more in weight per unit area, and less than 0.20g/cm<sup>3</sup> in density; and~~

a wear resistance surface layer integrally formed on a surface of the elastic non-woven body;

~~wherein a thermoplastic resin sheet which is layered on the high elastic non-woven body is layered on the thermoplastic resin sheet so that the wear resistance surface layer directs to the inside of the room of the automobile, and~~

~~the felt layer is layered under the thermoplastic resin sheet and which is thinner than the high elastic non-woven body.~~

2 (currently amended): The formed mat according to claim 1, wherein the ~~high-elastic non-woven body is a needle punched non-woven body which has regular polyester fibers of 50 to 99 % by weight and polyester type-based low melting point fibers of 1 to 50 % by weight, the regular polyester fibers having a fiber diameter of 3 to 15 dtex and a length of 40 to 120mm, and the polyester type-based low melting point fibers having a fiber diameter of 3 to 12 dtex and a length of 40 to 90mm.~~

3 (currently amended): The formed mat according to claim 2, wherein the needle punched non-woven body contains, as the ~~regular~~ polyester fibers, two or more types of fibers having different fiber diameters.

4 (previously presented): The formed mat according to claim 2, wherein a surface layer having wear resistance is formed in the needle punched non-woven body.

5 (original): The formed mat according to claim 4, wherein fibers constituting the surface layer having wear resistance has a color tone different from that of fibers constituting other

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portions of the needle punched non-woven body, and a decorative pattern is formed by partially taking out the fibers constituting the other portions of the needle punched non-woven body onto a surface of the surface layer having wear resistance.

6 (currently amended): The formed mat according to claim 1, wherein a recovery percentage in a folding test is 70% or more, wherein the recovery percentage denotes a ratio of an open angle around a folding line at a time when the formed mat is supported at the folding line and is leaved-left alone after the formed mat is folded over by 180 degrees around a straight line so as to face portions of the thermoplastic resin sheet to each other, to an original 180 degrees.

7 (currently amended): A formed mat thermoformed in a shape configured to be fitted inside a room of an automobile, comprising:

a felt layer;

an elastic non-woven body for sound absorption having a thickness of 3.0 mm or more, a weight of 300 g/m<sup>2</sup> or more, and a density of less than 0.20 g/cm<sup>3</sup>;

a wear resistance surface layer integrally formed on an upper surface of the elastic non-woven body; and

a thermoplastic resin sheet for sound isolation which is layered onformed between the elastic non-woven body and the felt layer, which issaid thermoplastic resin being thinner than the high elastic non-woven body.

8 (currently amended): The formed mat according to claim 7, wherein the elastic non-woven body is needle punched and comprises:

50-99% by weight of regular-polyester fibers having a fiber diameter of 3-15 dtx and a length of 40-120 mm; and

1-50% by weight of polyester-type-based low-melting point fibers having a fiber diameter of 3-12 dtx and a length of 40-90 mm.

9 (currently amended): The formed mat according to claim 8, wherein the non-woven body contains, as the regular-polyester fibers, two or more types of fibers having different fiber diameters.

10 (previously presented): The formed mat according to claim 8, wherein the non-woven body further comprises a surface layer having wear resistance.

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11 (previously presented): The formed mat according to claim 10, wherein the surface layer is constituted by fibers having a color tone different from that of fibers constituting other portions of the non-woven body, and a decorative pattern is formed on a surface of the surface layer by partially taking out the fibers constituting the other portions of the non-woven body onto the surface of the surface layer.

12 (previously presented): The formed mat according to claim 7, further comprising a felt layer layered underneath the thermoplastic resin sheet.

13 (previously presented): The formed mat according to claim 7, which has a recovery percentage of 70% or more as measured by a folding test wherein a test piece of the formed mat is bent on a folding line until portions of the thermoplastic resin sheet touch each other, and an angle  $\alpha$  formed at the folding line between the portions of the thermoplastic resin sheet is measured after releasing the bent test piece, wherein the recovery percentage is expressed as  $\alpha/180^\circ \times 100$ .